



The First Baptist Church at Worship  
 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 June 11, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Aurelian Oprea, Violinist  
 Gregory Land, Organist, Organist

Legende, Op. 17 ..... Henri Wieniawski

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

**Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

**The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

*(Psalm 33:1-12)*

\*OPENING HYMN

#509 *Trust and Obey*  
 SOLID ROCK

*Trust and Obey* was written by John H. Sammis in 1887. As listed in CELEBRATING GRACE HYMNAL FOR BAPTIST WORSHIP, the meaning of this hymn is fairly self-explanatory as Sammis illustrates the rewards of trusting God's word and obeying God's will.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-9

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they

had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.<sup>8</sup> From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

Rev. Mark Craig

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") --in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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#### \*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#590 *The Solid Rock*  
SOLID ROCK

It looks as if the inspiration for this hymn came from Christ's parable of the wise and foolish builders. In the parable, Christ speaks of the foolish builder who built his house on sinking sand while the wise builder built his on solid rock. As you can imagine, a storm easily swept away the one built on sand.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class.)

#### CALL TO PRAYER

#412 v.1 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*  
SWEET HOUR

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known!  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

SPECIAL MUSIC

Aurelian Oprea, Violinist

Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Major ..... Joseph Haydn  
Allegro (third movement)

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Promises to Live By”*

The Response of God’s People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#625 *Standing on the Promises*  
PROMISES

“Standing on the Promises” was composed in 1886 while the author, Russell Kelso Carter, taught at a military academy. Although Carter was a professed Christian most of his life, it wasn’t until a crisis with his natural heart that he began to understand the reality and power of Bible promises. At age 30, his health was in critical condition and the physicians could do no more for him. Carter turned to God for help and healing. He knelt and made a promise that healing or no, his life was finally and forever, fully consecrated to the service of the Lord. It was from that moment that the written Word of God became alive to Carter. He began to stand upon the promises of healing, determining to believe no matter what his physical condition, no matter how he felt. Over the course of the next several months his strength returned, and his heart was completely healed! Carter lived another healthy 49 years.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#523 *God Be with You*  
William G. Tomer

*God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!*

POSTLUDE

Aurelian Oprea and Gregory Land

Violin Concerto in C Major, Op. 48 ..... D. Kabalewski

(\*) You’re invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.*

***Thank you!***



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome** to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>).

## Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Prayers of the People

*(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)*

Elizabeth Ard	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Judy Smith
Don Brown	Ray Landis	Chas Snyder
Rob Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Kaye Suryk
Gerald Busch	Lasley Family	Taylor Family
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Gene & Mary K Lee	Anne Veghte
Pamela Cress	Steve Liss	Dorothy Williams
Florida Dixon	Vincent Liss	
David Donovan	Tom McKenzie	<b><i>Military Duty:</i></b>
Jim Earnest	Arthur Merkle	Sebastian Ewald
Luke Earnest	Nash Family	Sunny Ewald
Neil Earnest	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bev & Bill Harrell	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Tim Holmen	Brenda Proffitt	Will Radachi
Tom Huguley	Lane & Marcia Riffey	Andy Wilson

*Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)*

## Week of June 11 – 18

Sun. 11	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	1:30p	.....	Wright Brothers Program (WDI Center)
Wed. 14	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Fri. 16	6-10p	.....	Firepit Fellowship @ Dorothy Lane BC
Sun. 18	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Father's Day
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:15a	.....	Grief Group

## ***Welcome Aurelian!***

Let us welcome to First Baptist this morning Aurelian Oprea, principal violinist and concertmaster with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. He is no stranger to us here as he provided special music during our Christmas Eve service last year and last summer. Concertmaster Aurelian Oprea was born in Cluj-Napoca, the cultural capital of Romania's Transylvania region. His parents and grandfather were string players in the Romanian National Opera House Orchestra, and his grandmother was the prima ballerina of the Opera's ballet corps. Aurelian began playing the violin in the first grade, and he graduated in 1995 from the city's music school with a Baccalaureate Degree in Violin Performance. He served as the music school's concertmaster and frequently performed as a guest soloist with several Romanian orchestras. He earned a bachelor's degree in music performance from Bowling Green State University in 1999, where he also won a Concerto Competition. Aurelian won his first professional audition at the age of 20, becoming the youngest member of the Michigan Opera Theater Orchestra in Detroit, a position he held until 2000 when he joined the DPO. Aurelian is fluent in Romanian, Hungarian and English. He resides in Grafton Hill with his wife, Rachel, and his daughter, Hanna.

## Wright Brothers Program

Sunday, June 11 @ 1:30 p.m.

Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center

Orville Wright's funeral service took place at First Baptist Church of Dayton. Dr. Charles Seasholes, the church and the service are featured in this program. Join Angie Berghuis, Park Ranger at Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, for a program titled "Funeral Services and Burials of the Wright Family" at the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center located at 16 S. Williams Street in Dayton.

Make it a lunch outing and meet at West Social Tap & Table, located at the corner of Third and Williams streets, at 12 noon and eat together, each ordering your own from the restaurants in the food court. Then walk across the street to the park and explore the museum and Wright Bicycle Shop before meeting inside at the first-floor theatre. Free parking is available behind the Interpretive Center. Please contact Angie Berghuis for more information on this program at [angelina\\_hoschouerberghuis@nps.gov](mailto:angelina_hoschouerberghuis@nps.gov), and let Pastor Kent or Angie know if you are planning to eat together.

## Board Meetings

Wednesday, June 14 @ 6:30pm

## Firepit Fellowship

Friday, June 16 @ 6-10pm

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church



Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church (960 W Dorothy Lane) invites us to join them on Friday June 16th for their monthly "Friday Firepit Fellowship." Come any time from 6-10pm. Hot dogs, brats, chips, drinks and fixings for s'mores will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, and you are welcome but not required to bring extra finger foods. Pastor Kent plans to attend, let him know if you plan to go, too.

## Monthly Grief Support Group at FBC

Summer Schedule

Third Sunday: June 18, July 16, August 20 @ 11:15-12:00

The group will be led by Pastor David and Peggy Coggins on the 3rd Sunday of the month. During the summer months we will meet after church from 11:15-12:00 in the classroom next to the choir room. You are encouraged to bring your personal journals if you have one. The format of the group will be interactive dialogue with personal sharing of grief experiences, coping methods and resources for growth. All are welcome.



## Kids Sunday School Teachers Needed for Summer 2023

We are again seeking volunteers to teach our Kids One-Room Sunday School Class (preK-5) this summer (June 11-Sept. 3). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway across from the 1st Floor restrooms. Note that there are two slots for each Sunday, as we require two adults be present in the classroom. Curriculum will be distributed to volunteers for each week, and teaching partners can decide together what parts they will lead. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Jason or Janet Landis (Christian Education chairperson). They will also be on-hand to provide resources, supplies, etc. throughout the summer.

AMERICAN BAPTIST JUNE OFFERING

**One Great Hour of Sharing: It's Time to Share**

*“So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up...” – Galatians 6:9*

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God's Spirit energizes and re-energizes us in every season. We can make a difference. We do make a difference. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world. The need has never been greater. The opportunity is now. **It's time to share.** OGHS offering envelopes are located in the pew racks.

**Executive Council Meeting**

Wednesday, June 21 @ 6:30pm



**FBC SUMMER PICNIC**

**Sunday, June 25 @ Oak Grove Park in Centerville**

**After church until 5pm**

Main dish & beverages provided

Bring sides and desserts

GAMES – FISHING – PLAYGROUND

**RSVP if you plan to attend!**

**VBS 2023 – Jesus Stories**

**July 17-21 @ 9:30am-Noon**

**PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The Board of Christian Education (CE) and Pastor Jason are looking forward offering another week of Vacation Bible School for kids in our church at community this summer on July 17-21. This year's theme will be "Jesus Stories" and each day we will explore stories about Jesus and stories (parables) by Jesus. If you'd like to be a part of our VBS planning and/or leadership team, there are plenty of opportunities to do so. We will need volunteers to:

- Design and decorate our VBS spaces ahead of time
- Register and welcome kids each morning
- Help lead opening and closing music with the kids (children & youth are invited to help here, too)
- Lead our kids around to the various stations during VBS (assisting with crafts, etc.)
- Serve as story-tellers
- Help plan and lead games with the kids



There are lots of ways to be involved. If you're interested in helping out, please speak with Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org)) or Janet Landis, chair of Christian Education. *VBS registration forms are available on the table by the church office door.*



**One Great Hour of Sharing  
June Offering**

# **YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.**

**Food security is one of the greatest needs of the people of the small western African nation of Togo.** Conflict and economic turmoil, coupled with devastating floods, have disrupted agricultural production. The COVID-19 pandemic made things worse, leaving over 20% of the nation's population unable to provide for their daily nutritional needs and struggling with the resulting acute malnutrition.

Rev. Raymond Afangbedjee has been pastoring the Good News Baptist Church (GNBC) in Lomé, Togo for eleven years. The GNBC seeks to meet not only people's spiritual needs, but also their nutritional needs. The Good News Farm was begun in 2021 to raise animals and plant, cultivate and harvest vegetables for

families in the local villages. After the farm is established, it will be used to train leaders from other villages in agriculture and animal husbandry.

Rev. Afangbedjee knows how to farm. He grew up in rural Togo, learning from his parents and grandparents the art and science of raising vegetables and caring for livestock. He now uses these skills to provide for the local community. The Good News Farm harvested its first crop of corn; sugar cane and animals will be added shortly. This farm is made possible because of your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing.

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fatigued doing good. At the right  
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